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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board from the decision of Examiner George R. Fourson, III mailed December 16, 2003, finally rejecting claims 6-9, 11-16, 18, 19, 26-29 and 32-37.

The fee of \$330.00 per 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (b) for filing this Notice of Appeal is enclosed.

Applicants petition for an extension of time for one month for filing this Notice of Appeal.

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